

Alaska's Top Jobs¹

2012 to 2022

2012 to 2022	Employment			Openings 2012 to 2022			
	2012	2022	Percent Change	Growth	Replacement	Total Openings	Wage Quartile ²
Doctoral or Professional Degree							
Family and General Practitioners	399	495	24.1%	96	76	172	\$\$\$\$
Physical Therapists	400	492	23.0%	93	45	138	\$\$\$\$
Lawyers	1,019	1,010	-0.9%	0	188	188	\$\$\$\$
Master's Degree							
Physician Assistants	376	472	25.5%	97	69	166	\$\$\$\$
Mental Health Counselors	349	423	21.2%	74	101	175	\$\$\$
Education Administrators, Elementary and Secondary School	517	566	9.5%	48	141	190	\$\$\$\$
Bachelor's Degree							
Medical and Health Services Managers	949	1,137	19.8%	188	224	412	\$\$\$\$
Petroleum Engineers	539	622	15.4%	83	115	198	\$\$\$\$
Environmental Scientists and Specialists, Including Health	697	804	15.4%	108	162	270	\$\$\$
Captains, Mates, and Pilots of Water Vessels	608	701	15.3%	93	218	311	\$\$\$
Administrative Services Managers	1,818	2,084	14.6%	266	435	702	\$\$\$\$
Geoscientists, Except Hydrologists and Geographers	509	583	14.5%	75	118	193	\$\$\$\$
Construction Managers	1,044	1,183	13.3%	139	253	392	\$\$\$\$
Chief Executives	1,270	1,438	13.2%	169	184	353	\$\$\$\$
General and Operations Managers	3,350	3,752	12.0%	402	603	1005	\$\$\$\$
Sales Managers	657	732	11.4%	75	185	260	\$\$\$\$
Financial Managers	1,128	1,252	11.0%	124	200	324	\$\$\$\$
Middle School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	799	879	10.0%	79	170	250	\$\$\$
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education	2,797	3,068	9.7%	272	595	867	\$\$\$
Secondary School Teachers, Except Special and Career/Technical Education	1,432	1,570	9.6%	138	379	517	\$\$\$
Accountants and Auditors	1,732	1,894	9.4%	162	360	522	\$\$\$\$
Civil Engineers	849	910	7.2%	62	167	228	\$\$\$\$
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Specialists	697	736	5.6%	39	146	185	\$\$\$
Airline Pilots, Copilots, and Flight Engineers	1,735	1,828	5.4%	92	504	597	\$\$\$\$
Compliance Officers	765	795	3.9%	30	148	179	\$\$\$
Zoologists and Wildlife Biologists	976	1,006	3.1%	30	213	243	\$\$\$
Computer and Information Systems Managers	907	912	0.6%	5	220	225	\$\$\$\$
Associate Degree or Postsecondary Nondegree Award							
Dental Hygienists	571	730	27.8%	159	111	270	\$\$\$\$
Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technicians	355	437	23.1%	82	67	149	\$\$\$
Radiologic Technologists	441	539	22.2%	98	66	164	\$\$\$
Registered Nurses	4,979	5,973	20.0%	994	873	1867	\$\$\$\$
Geological and Petroleum Technicians	821	969	18.0%	148	231	378	\$\$\$
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	855	929	8.7%	74	166	239	\$\$\$\$
Aircraft Mechanics and Service Technicians	1,303	1,399	7.4%	96	316	412	\$\$\$
Air Traffic Controllers	549	554	0.9%	6	170	176	\$\$\$\$
High school diploma or equivalent							
Hazardous Materials Removal Workers	346	427	23.4%	81	117	198	\$\$\$
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	732	861	17.6%	129	189	318	\$\$\$
Inspectors, Testers, Sorters, Samplers, and Weighers	510	591	15.9%	81	107	189	\$\$\$
Supervisors of Construction and Extraction Workers	973	1,116	14.7%	142	217	360	\$\$\$\$
Bus and Truck Mechanics and Diesel Engine Specialists	697	793	13.8%	96	146	243	\$\$\$
Mobile Heavy Equipment Mechanics, Except Engines	981	1,112	13.4%	131	247	378	\$\$\$
Commercial Pilots	837	944	12.8%	107	284	391	\$\$\$
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators	3,225	3,632	12.6%	407	937	1344	\$\$\$
First-Line Supervisors of Office and Administrative Support Workers	2,164	2,425	12.1%	262	561	822	\$\$\$
Carpenters	2,973	3,318	11.6%	345	610	956	\$\$\$
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters	1,670	1,830	9.6%	160	467	627	\$\$\$
First-Line Supervisors of Mechanics, Installers, and Repairers	721	789	9.4%	68	184	252	\$\$\$\$
Electricians	2,355	2,531	7.5%	176	615	791	\$\$\$\$
Purchasing Agents, Except Wholesale, Retail, and Farm Products	542	574	5.9%	32	141	173	\$\$\$
Correctional Officers and Jailers	883	924	4.6%	41	150	192	\$\$\$
Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant and System Operators	606	630	4.0%	25	152	176	\$\$\$
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	1,209	1,228	1.6%	19	316	335	\$\$\$\$
Less than high school							
Service Unit Operators, Oil, Gas, and Mining	892	1,058	18.6%	166	182	348	\$\$\$

¹ To rank as a "Top Job," the occupation must: 1) rank in the top two wage quartiles; AND 2) have projected growth of at least 75 jobs and greater percentage growth than all occupations combined, OR be one of the 50 occupations with the most projected openings (of those with wages in the top two quartiles).

² Earnings \$\$\$ = \$54,370 to \$73,245 annually (\$26.14 to \$35.21 hourly), \$\$\$\$ = More than \$73,245 annually (\$35.21 hourly), based on 2013 OES estimates for Alaska
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